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Legislative Assembly Question No. 324— Scales of Pay of Peo
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SCALE OF PAY OF PEONS.

*324-Q- SRI G. KUMARASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state--

(a) the scale of pay of peons working in the various departmen of the Government; and

(b) the scale of pay given to diffadars?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:-"(a) Rs. 16-½ (annual)-25.

"(b) Rs. 22-½ (annual) -30.

"These are the revised scales sanctioned with effect from 1st January 1947."

SRI S. NAGAPPA:-"May I know, Sir, whether the Government is satisfied that the salaries paid to the peons and other menials are adequate to maintain their wife and children in the hard days?"

The Hon. Sri B. GOPALA REDDI:-"The Government is satisfied, Si but I do not know whether they are satisfied."

SRI G. KUMARASWAMI:-"Is it a fact, Sir, that the duffadars working in the Revenue Department in the various districts were hitherto given an allowance of Rs. 2 more than that given to the peons and that they are not now paid the same?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:-"Yes, Sir. I suppose the hon. Member did not listen to the answer I have given just now. While the peons get Rs. 16-25, the duffadarss get Rs. 22-30 per mensem."

Sri V.M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:-"May I akk the Finance Minister whether he considers Rs. 16 a living wage and whether he remembers that the Congress at Karachi passed a resolution fixing Rs. 30 as the minimum living wage even before the cost of living index had risen to such figure as at present?"

The Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi:- "Many of the Karachi resolutions are mere ideals which have yet to be reached; but we are quite satisfied that the present minimum wage is quite sufficient."

Sri V. RAGHAVAYYA:-"While thanking the Hon. Finance Minister for having treated those resolutions, as mere ideal resolutions - if n not idle resolutions -may I ask him whether he considers the desirab bility of fixing a reasonable minimum pay for these low-paid servants, particularly because they lack the talent of making noise?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:-"These salaries were revised only from 1st January of this year and we do not think it advisable to revise them, again, Sir."

Sri B.S. MALLIKARJUNA RAO:-"May I know what exactly is the conception of the Government as regards the living wage under present market conditions?"

The Hon. Sri B. GOPALA REDDI:-"Though the salary of a peon is Rs. 16 he gets Rs. 5 as house-rent allowance and another Rs. 16, dearness allowance-all-told, Rs. 37- and I think that Rs. 37 is a fair living wage at present."

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:-"May kI know whether the Government have received any petitions from the Peons' Association in the Secretariat?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:-"Yes, Sir. We have received petitions not only from peons, but from everybody."

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:- "Nay I ask what the Government have done in regard to that matter and whether they do not consider that their claims are just and proper?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:-"It is not a question of justness or propriety, but it a question of the Government's ability to pay. The Government are unable to pay anything more, Sir."

SRI C.M. KOTHARI:-"In view of the fact, Sir, that the industrial worker is asked to be paid three annas for every point of rise in the cost of living index, will not the Government adopt the same rule in regard to their servants?"

The HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:-"The Government is not a profit making concern, Sir."

SRI B.S. MURTHI:-"Does not the Hon. Minister consider that the mamools and bakshises are due to the low-scales of pay that are paid to them, and will he consider the necessity for raising their scales of pay, so that such mamools and bakshises may be put an end to?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:-"I do not know about mamools, Sir, but I think, bakshis is paid out of the abundance of joy which the visitors get."

SRI ALLURI SATYANARAYANA RAJU:-"Will the Government consider the advisability of revising the pay of peons more liberally, Sir?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:-"Not at present, Sir."

Dr. S. SUBRAHMANYA AYYAR:-"May I know, Sir, whether the peons are paid any remuneration for for working in officers' house as household servants?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:-"They are not supposed to serve as domestic servants, Sir."

Dr. S. Subrahmany Ayyar: "If they are not supposed to serve as domestic servants, will the Government issue orders that such practic should be stopped forthwith?"

The HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:-"Instructions are already there, Sir. "

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU:-"May I know Sir, whether the Government are aware of the terrible discontent among the peons who are standing before us and that they are on the verge of resorting to strike-action, and if so, what steps the Government are going to take to meet their demands, and whether they are going to appoint a committee to enquire into their grievances?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:-"If and when they go on strike, we shall deal with them."

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The question has beena answered in Legislative Assembly Please see the extracts of the printed proceedimgs put up below. No further action is necessary. The papers for purpose of future reference be.

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